

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Petition of Time Warner Cable for	)	WC Docket No. 06-55
Declaratory Ruling that Competitive	)	
Local Exchange Carriers May Obtain	)	
Interconnection Under Section 251 of	)	
The Communications Act of 1934, as amended,	)	
to Provide Wholesale Telecommunications	)	
Services to VoIP Providers.	)	
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**COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
FILE COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS**

Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company (“SENTCO”) hereby files these comments in support of the Motion for Extension of Time (the “Motion”) filed by the Nebraska Public Service Commission (“NPSC”) pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission’s Rules, 47 CFR § 1.46. In its Motion, the NPSC requests the Commission to grant the NPSC and all interested parties a one-month extension of the date for filing comments, and a corresponding extension of time for filing reply comments, in response to the Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by Time Warner Cable (“TWC”).<sup>1</sup> For the reasons stated herein, the NPSC’s Motion should be granted and the comment and reply comments dates be extended for all parties to April 27 and May 11, 2006, respectively.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of the Petition of Time Warner Cable for Declaratory Ruling that Competitive Local Exchange Carriers May Obtain Interconnection Under Section 251 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to Provide Wholesale Telecommunications Services to VoIP Providers*, WC Docket No. 06-54 (March 1, 2006) (“Petition”).

<sup>2</sup> SENTCO notes, and supports, as well, a similar Motion for Extension of Time filed by the South Carolina Coalition, which also noted the fact that other parties see the need for additional time in order to provide the most complete record possible.

SENTCO is an interested party in this proceeding. SENTCO is the local exchange carrier with which Sprint Communications Company L.P. arbitrated an interconnection agreement in the Nebraska proceeding that TWC describes in its Petition. *See* Petition at 7, 8.

The current comment schedule requires that comments be filed on or before March 27, 2006, and that reply comments be filed on or before April 11, 2006.<sup>3</sup> The Commission's Public Notice was posted on the Commission's website on March 6, 2006 (the petition itself was not posted until on or after March 8, 2006, as confirmed by FCC staff to SENTCO's counsel). In order to provide the Commission with meaningful, substantive comments in response to the Petition from all interested parties, the extension of time that the NPSC requests is necessary.

As a participant in a state proceeding whose findings TWC now challenges, SENTCO submits that the Commission and the industry will benefit from the fuller measure of comments that can be prepared by interested parties by virtue of an expanded Commission pleading cycle. SENTCO further submits that, notwithstanding its involvement in the NPSC's underlying proceeding, the Petition raises issues that demand careful consideration of the Commission due to the impact of *any* Commission decision on carriers across the Nation. Moreover, as a result of the expanded scope of TWC's Petition,<sup>4</sup> SENTCO agrees with the NPSC that other state commissions and interested parties can be reasonably expected to file comments in response to the Petition, and may face similar time constraints relating to the preparation by the current deadline of such comments that address fact-specific cases in multiple jurisdictions. Therefore, SENTCO supports the NPSC request as it reasonably balances the Commission's efforts to ensure the proper development of a record in this proceeding.

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<sup>3</sup> *Time Warner Cable's Petition for Declaratory Ruling that Competitive Local Exchange Carriers may Obtain Interconnection to Provide Wholesale Telecommunications Services to VoIP Providers*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 06-55, DA 06-534 (March 6, 2006) ("Public Notice").

<sup>4</sup> *See* Petition at 9.

The short extension of time, as the NPSC indicates, should not harm TWC.<sup>5</sup> Thus, a grant of the Motion will serve the proper dispatch of the Commission's business and the ends of justice. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 154(j).

Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons SENTCO respectfully supports the NPSC motion for a one-month extension of the filing date for initial comments in this proceeding to and including April 27, 2006, and for an extension of the filing date for reply comments to and including May 11, 2006, and submits that the relief requested by the NPSC be granted to all parties for the reasons stated herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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<sup>5</sup> To the extent that may be required, therefore, SENTCO alternatively requests that these comments be considered as SENTCO's motion for an extension of time and that, for the reasons provided, such request be granted.